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Florida shooter appears in public for first time



George Zimmerman

Trayvon Martin

SANFORD (AFP) - A neighborhood watch guard charged with second-degree murder in the controversial killing of an unarmed US black teenager appeared briefly in court for the first time yesterday.

It was George Zimmerman's first public appearance since he fatally shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in late February while the teenager was walking through a gated Florida community, in the town of Sanford.

The killing has triggered a nationwide debate about racism and criminal justice in the United States, and led to protests in various US cities attended by thousands of people.

Judge Mark Herr told Zimmerman he had set May 29 as the date for a hearing for his arraignment when he will be formally read the charges and will be allowed to apply for bail. Speaking just once, Zimmerman answered simply "yes, sir" when Herr asked him if he was making his first appearance in the case and if he was represented by lawyer Mark O'Mara.

After a weeks-long investigation, prosecutors have unveiled charges of second-degree murder against Zimmerman, who is of Hispanic origin.

"I can tell you, we did not come to this decision lightly," Florida state attorney Angela Corey said Wednesday.

will be far more beneficial to the ecology and the national budget.

Aruba Chamber of Commerce announced statistics and upcoming Annual Business Dinner

Director of the Aruba Chamber of Commerce, Leo Maduro, met with press on Wednesday afternoon to announce the speakers and theme of their upcoming Annual Business Dinner Meeting at the Renaissance Convention Center: "Aruba's Future without the Refinery?" The Chamber has been surveying a number of business people and islanders, and several ideas have emerged for putting the assets of the refinery in San Nicolas to good use, one of them being to relocate the container harbor in Oranjestad to their port, rather than Baccadera, a choice which is felt

raised in San Nicolas, graduated from the Wharton School of Business, and was Senior Partner and Vice Chairman at Goldman Sachs until the end of 2011. He is now Managing Director Aruba/NY of the Aruba Growth Fund, an investment fund created to provide the most appropriate vehicle to generate local economic value and growth from within the island community, with private equity to invest in Aruban companies and institutions.

Harold Malmberg has a reputation as a savvy entrepreneur and has been a tourism visionary on Aruba for over 3 decades. As the CEO of De Palm Tours, he took it from a small tour bus company to the largest multi-service activities operator on the island.

Audrey Croes-Lacle took the helm of Maggy's Emporium to expand their inventory, locations, and services, also making it one of the largest beauty and skincare retailers on Aruba, along with full service salons and spas. She is



Head of Info and Support Sonia Velt-huizen

very active in the community as President of the Board of MAMBO, the main street merchant's association of Oranjestad, as well as founder of the Adopt-an-Addict program, which funds sending island substance abusers to rehab programs in Santo Domingo.

Leo expressed the belief that there are a number of viable solutions for the property and port in San Nicolas, as the prospect of the refinery finally closing permanently after so many years becomes a distinct possibility, given the volatility of the oil industry.

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KvK Director Leo Maduro

This year's dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 11th, much earlier than the usual autumn date, as they feel the subject is very topical and a matter weighing on the minds of many: how to fill the void that would be left by the shutdown of the refinery, which has been an important economic factor to the island's prosperity since the 1930's?

Guest speakers will be Milton Berlinski, Harold Malmberg and Audrey Croes-Lacle. Milton Berlinski was born and



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Left to right, magician, Adam Steinfeld, Perlita, Morris Kong, Susanne and Francis, laughing it up!, after the Magic Live! show.

Kong beats his chest, and hams it up for the camera crew and the paparazzi. Says Morris: "it's great to be back in Aruba, the hot sun, and the tropical jungle at Arikok National Park reminds me of my hometown, in Bolingo."

Morris Kong has had an extensive movie career, he was in the opening circus scene in "Houdini" starring Tony Curtis, he was also a stunt double for Mighty Joe Young, but it wasn't until his first "Three Stooges" short

that he realized his true calling is to make people laugh.

"I was the lead Ape in Planet of the Apes plus in many Gilligan Island episodes," jokes Morris. "I love being in Steinfeld's MagicLive! show, you never know what surprises to expect, including me, ha-ha," as Kong is beating on his chest.

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Aruba Chamber of Commerce announced...

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During the announcement of the upcoming business dinner, statistics for the establishment of new businesses in 2011 were presented. 1,159 registrations at the Chamber of Commerce were recorded for last year, which is in keeping with a steady increase of around 1,000 new businesses annually for the past few years. The majority of new enterprises are in the construction industry, with restaurants following second, and clothing and souvenir shops a close third.

Tickets for the 19th Annual Chamber of Commerce Business Dinner Meeting are only

100 Aruban florins (as opposed to the usual \$100) per person, in the expectation this will make the event more accessible to small entrepreneurs and all those interested in the subject matter. They can be purchased at the KvK offices on Irawasquin Boulevard from 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM. The evening will end with entertainment and dancing to singers Ofo Escudero and Sashah Figaroa.

For more information, visit the Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.arubachamber.com/>

by Rosalie Klein



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Since November last year SABMiller is sponsoring WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network). With more than 40 Caribbean States and territories, this network aims to protect all six endangered sea turtle species in the region. Through Turtugaruba, the non-profit Foundation that protects the sea turtles locally, also Aruba is a proud member of WIDECAST.

Not only at a regional scale, but also locally the sea turtles – “Island Locals” for a long time – can count on support of Miller Beer. The distributor of Miller Lite on Aruba, Pepia Est NV contacted Turtugaruba, and together they focused on a

support that would benefit all “Island Locals”, human and sea turtle alike.

One of the biggest threats nowadays to men but also to sea turtles is pollution. Many animals die because they mistake plastics for food. The Leatherback Sea Turtle for example feeds on jellyfish. You can imagine what a plastic bag looks like, drifting in the sea.

So we have to make sure no pollution will go into the sea. It is a great pleasure for Turtugaruba to know that Miller Lite will sponsor two trash-bins, daily service included, for the period of one year at Eagle Beach, the nesting habitat of the Leatherback Sea Turtle.

Last Tuesday the two bins have been placed and officially put into use in the presence of Mr. Ludwig Estrada and Mr. Herdy ten Lohuis of Miller Lite/Pepia Est NV, Mr. Stanley Brown of Clean Master and the volunteers of Turtugaruba.

The two “Island Locals” bins are an addition to the 15 trash bins placed earlier by Clean Master this week at Eagle beach, sponsored by TPEF (Tourism Product Enhancement Fund). Turtugaruba would applause if more local businesses/organizations follow this action of placing trash bins including the service to clean them.

But the most responsible players in solving the pollution



problem are WE, you and me, we all together, island locals and tourists alike.

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on the beach, but make use of the trash bins ensuring a clean and durable future for all locals of Aruba!



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Dr. Tom Marrs, speaker at the 4th Caribbean Tourism Security Conference



The Aruba Hotel and Security Foundation (AH&SF) is organizing the Fourth Caribbean Tourism Security Conference on June 5 and 6, 2012. Dr. Tom Marrs is one of the speakers at the conference.

Dr. Tom Marrs is an expert in the use of applied psychology. With expertise in social and behavioral psychology and psychopathology, Marrs has worked for over 5 years with the Texas based Tourism & More team to use psychology as a tool for understanding tourism security issues. In addition to his knowledge of applied psychology, Marrs is a former coach of the US National Olympic Development Team for Sport Shooting, and a licensed psychologist.

Marrs received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, where he currently provides services to over 10,000 diverse faculty and staff. In this capacity, Marrs also consults and conducts individual violence risk assessments and facilitates responses. He also conducts training in areas such as Dealing With Difficult Behaviors, Conflict Resolution, Managing Anger, and Drug and Alcohol Issues. Marrs extensive travels in Africa, Oceania, Europe, and the Americas permits him to combine the best of psychology with tourism security.

Santa Rosa invites livestock farmers for info meeting

PIEDRA PLAT -- In recent times there has been a growing interest from the community for getting involved in livestock farming. This is particularly so among young people in our community. Santa Rosa is also very keen on motivating our people to continue or to begin cultivating agriculture, livestock and/or fisheries. Farming brings a great deal of benefits, such as producing one's own produce, reducing the cost of food, getting more exercise, and creating a whole-

some activity in the family, etc.

Santa Rosa is calling a meeting with all livestock farmers. This meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 7:00pm at Club San Martin in Santa Cruz (directly behind the Catholic Church in Santa Cruz). Panelists in this gathering will include representatives from the Parke Nacional Arikok, Santa Rosa and most probably a representative from DIP.

Santa Rosa is interested in listening to our livestock



farmers ...what are their desires, comments, preoccupations, so that they can work together with them to help

grow this sector of our community. This meeting is an effort to establish a closer relationship with all livestock farmers. There are a number of important matters to be discussed; hence Santa Rosa is appealing to all livestock farmers to plan on attending this important meeting.

One item of much importance to be dealt with during this meeting is the registration of all livestock farmers. Santa Rosa currently has no statistics on our livestock farmers. In order to do more

effective long term planning such information is crucially important.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

- * Opening and introduction of the panelist
- * Explanation regarding the registration of livestock farmers
- * Situation of lease land
- * Situation regarding goats in the Parke
- * Santa Rosa's action plan for the livestock sector
- * Free word

Aruba's Flag officially handed over to Kegel



Recently, Eaglet Bowling Club Aruba (E.B.C.A.) took part in a 3-day bowling camp prepared by Kegel Training Center, at Lake Wales, Orlando. The group consisted youngsters 16 years of age. At Lake Wales, the Aruba delegation handed to Kegel representative an Aruban Flag, a demonstration of this tiny delegations presence at the Kegel bowling training camp, in appreciation for the warm welcome and expert coaching. It is the hope that with this gesture the Eaglet Bowling Club Aruba E.B.C.A will establish contacts with other bowling groups worldwide



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Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very special Family from New York, as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees are the Sherry Family, consisting of Mr. Gerard and Mrs. Rose Marie Sherry and their two sons Tyler Louis Sherry and Cameron Joseph Sherry. The Sherrys are loyal members of the Marriott Vacation Club and are very much in love with the Island, because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants and all other activities that the island has to offer. According to them they are always looking forward for the next year's visit as it has become a family tradition to visit Aruba every year since 19 years ago. The symbolic honorary title was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority in presence of Mrs. Gail Sahit and Mr. Joseph Goldbourne representing the Marriott Vacation Club.

World powers call Syria ceasefire 'fragile' first step

WASHINGTON (AFP) - World powers on Thursday called the tentative truce in Syria a "fragile" first step while urging Damascus to carry out a broader peace plan and permit international observers to monitor it.

As the Group of Eight industrial powers ended a two-day conference here, Washington also urged Iran to "credibly" answer concerns about its nuclear aims at weekend talks and warned North Korea of UN action if it launches a rocket.

It was not immediately clear how much Russia -- Syria's main military and diplomatic ally -- supported the position of fellow G8 members Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States.

But US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said: "I was encouraged that (Russian) Foreign Minister (Sergei) Lavrov agreed with Kofi Annan that this fragile first step is only that -- a first step."

Clinton met with Lavrov on the sidelines of the G8 meetings in a bid to have Russia use its influence with Syria to end 13 months of violence that has left thousands dead, although Moscow has put the onus on the opposition to do so.

Annan, the UN and Arab League envoy whose mission Russia has backed, said that Syria's President Bashar al-Assad has not abided by his plan and called on the UN Security Council to demand that troops are pulled out of cities.

Not only has Assad failed to withdraw forces from cities, she said, he has yet to permit peaceful protests, allow access for aid workers and journalists and begin a democratic political transition, all in line with the plan.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said it was not just President Barack Obama and other US officials who were calling for full implementation.

The chief US diplomat also renewed Washington's calls for Assad to step down.

She said the United States also supports UN plans to send an advance team "immediately" to visit Syria to pave the way for deploying monitors to ensure the ceasefire is being carried out.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said the decline in violence "is a first fragile step towards peace that needs to be strengthened and sustained," as he urged the Assad regime to implement fully the peace plan it agreed to.

"The opposition must also ensure that they adhere to the ceasefire and work to strengthen and broaden it," Hague added.

France has also publicly backed sending monitors.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle called the truce "a window of opportunity that should be seized" in order to promote a broader peace, but noted the situation was still "very fragile."

He told reporters that Western pressure on Russia to influence Syria to stop the violence had paid off. "We were right not to waver in our efforts to influence Russia," Westerwelle said.

During her press conference, Clinton urged Iran to "credibly" answer international concerns over its suspect nuclear program during talks Saturday in Istanbul with five of the G8 powers, plus China.

These will be the first talks since a similar meeting broke up inconclusively more than a year ago.

The West suspects Iran's uranium enrichment program masks a drive to produce a nuclear weapon. Iran denies the charge, insisting its program is purely peaceful.

Clinton also warned North Korea of UN Security Council action if it goes ahead with a rocket launch that she says would use ballistic missile technology.

The North says the Unha-3 (Galaxy-3) rocket, ostensibly carrying a satellite payload, could go up any day between now and Monday to coincide with Sunday's centenary of the birth of its founding leader Kim Il-Sung.



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Uproar in Germany over drive to hand out millions of Korans

BERLIN (AFP) - German officials raised serious concerns Thursday about an ultra-conservative Islamic group's drive to hand out 25 million copies of the Koran, calling it an abuse of the holy book.

Amid a politically charged debate, some lawmakers however admonished critics to respect freedom of religion.

Volker Kauder, parliamentary group leader of Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives, called the free distribution of millions of copies of Islamic scripture by ultra-conservative Salafists a cover for jihadist recruiting.

"The Koran is being abused here for subversive extremist activities. Muslim groups in Germany are right in distancing themselves from this abuse of religious liberty. And it would very much interest me to know where the money for these activities is coming from."

A group of Salafists calling

itself "The True Religion" says it seeks to pass out 25 million German-language copies of the Koran on the streets of Germany, Austria and Switzerland and via the Internet in a bid to convert non-Muslims.

The Central Council of Muslims has criticised the campaign, saying the Koran is the word of God and "not a PR brochure or leaflet that is distributed as a mass product".

Under public pressure, the publishing house working with the Salafists said Thursday it had stopped printing the books while it reviews its cooperation with the group.

The domestic intelligence service estimates there are about 2,500 Salafists, who espouse an austere form of Sunni Islam, in Germany and says it has them under official observation.

The service said in its most recent annual report dating from 2010 that Salafism was

the fastest growing Islamic movement in the world and that it calls for replacing national legal frameworks with Sharia law, often by means of a violent struggle against the state.

"We are talking about an extremist, Islamist phenomenon but not a criminal one," a security source told AFP when asked about the Koran programme.

Meanwhile the interior ministry said a probe had been launched into threats against journalists who had reported critically on the Koran campaign that were posted on the Internet and have since been removed.

In the videos, a group describing itself as Salafist targeted newspaper reporters, with a voice saying: "We know where you live, we know your football club, we have your mobile number," Die Welt newspaper reported.

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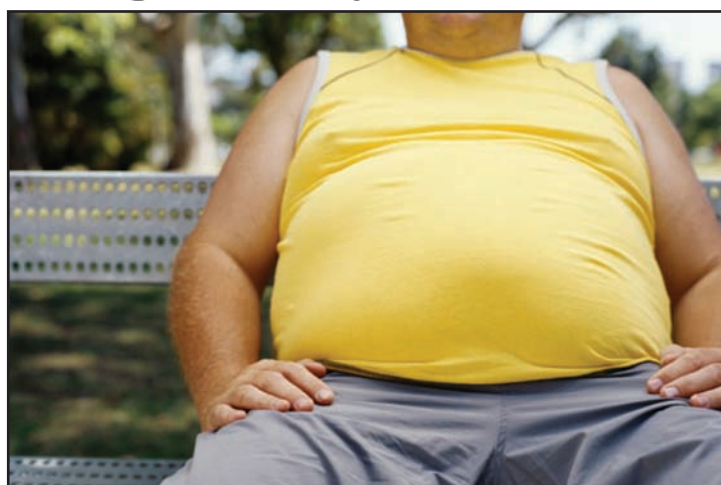
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Health & Living

US to decide on obesity drug in July



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators will decide in July whether to approve Qnexa, the first obesity drug in more than a decade, extending the initial deadline by three months, the California-based drug-maker VIVUS said.

The extra time is a "standard extension period" offered by the US Food and Drug Administration in order to review additional risk management strategies that were submitted by the company, said a statement issued this week.

An advisory panel to FDA in February urged approval of

Qnexa, after warning against its approval in 2010 due to safety concerns.

The panel voted 20-2 that the FDA should allow Qnexa on the market, saying the latest overall benefit-risk assessment supported its approval, but asking for more data on potential risks and how to avoid them.

For instance, some people who took high doses of the drug experienced increased heart rate. When taken by pregnant women it also boosted the risk of having a baby with cleft palate.

Qnexa combines two existing drugs, the appetite suppressant phentermine and topiramate, an anti-convulsant that can be used in conjunction with other drugs for weight loss.

Some doctors already prescribe the combination as an off-label use for helping patients manage their weight.

Studies have shown dieters could lose up to 10% of their weight when taking the drug, along with regular exercise and following a healthy diet.

The FDA does not have to follow the advice of the advisory panel, though it usually does.

German MPs call for under-18 ban on cosmetic surgery

BERLIN (AFP) - Plastic surgery could be outlawed for under 18-year-olds unless medically necessary under a proposal by lawmakers from Germany's ruling party, according to a document seen by AFP Thursday.

The politicians argue that going under the knife for breast enlargement or nose operations should be off the cards for minors, a draft position paper states.

Behind the bid are officials dealing with health matters from Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union.

They want the proposed ban, revealed earlier by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, to be wrapped into new patient-protection legislation. It is due for discussion at today's gathering of party leaders.

The German Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (DGPRAC) also basically gave the move the thumbs up but warned of the need for certain caveats.

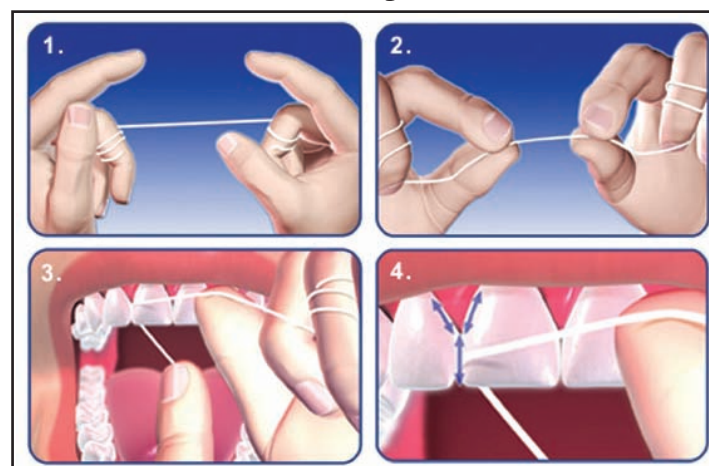
"With a sweeping ban there's the danger that patients for whom interventions are necessary for psychological reasons slip through the net," a spokeswoman said.

The DGPRAC cites figures from 2011 showing that around 1.2 percent of plastic surgeries were on under 18-year-olds, mostly for ears that stick out, followed by enlarged male breasts and nose jobs.

The politicians also call for a multi-million-euro compensation fund to be set up for victims of botched operations to allow them to receive help before the end of any legal proceedings.

And they want a clear definition of cosmetic surgery to protect patients from unqualified practitioners.

Help Tip: How to Floss your Teeth correctly



Flossing is an essential part of the tooth-cleaning process because it removes plaque from between teeth and at the gum-line where a toothbrush can't easily reached and where periodontal disease often begins.

Plaque can lead to tooth decay and gum disease so daily flossing is highly recommended.

-Starting with about 18 inches of floss, wind most of the floss around each middle finger, leaving an inch or two of floss to work with

-Holding the floss tautly between your thumbs and index fingers, slide it gently up-and-down between your teeth

-Gently curve the floss around the base of each tooth, making sure you go beneath the gumline. Never snap or force the floss, as this may cut or bruise delicate gum tissue

-Use clean sections of floss

as you move from tooth to tooth

-To remove the floss, use the same back-and-forth motion to bring the floss up and away from the teeth

Steps To Follow When Flossing With Braces:

•Use waxed floss (unwaxed floss is more likely to get caught and shred in your braces), dental tape or a product specifically designed to clean around your braces.

•Use enough. About 18 inches of floss should suffice

•Thread it carefully. Take the floss and carefully thread it under the main wire of the braces before passing it between two teeth. Then remove the floss and re-thread it under the main wire to pass between the next pair of teeth

•Be sure not to snap the floss-simply move it up and down gently against the side of each tooth



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Sci-Tech

French group Areva to build big Indian solar power plant

PARIS (AFP) - The French energy group Areva said Wednesday that it would build the biggest concentrated solar power installation in Asia for Reliance Power of India.

Areva Solar is to construct two plants using compact linear fresnel reflector (CLFR) technology that would produce 250 megawatts (MW) of electricity in Rajasthan, northwestern India, a statement said.

That would provide energy for around 300,000 people in Europe according to a sector estimation.

CLFR technology uses reflected sunlight to heat liquid-filled tubes which generate

high-pressure steam that produces electricity via turbines.

Financial details were not disclosed, but the statement said the installation "will become the largest in all of Asia" and would contribute to an Indian goal of adding 20,000 MW of solar energy capacity by 2022.

The project, which has already begun its first phase would represent a reduction of around 557,000 tons of CO2 emissions annually compared with a coal-fired plant, Areva added.

It set a target date of May 2013 for the operational launch of the first plant.

Biggest environment satellite goes silent

(AFP) - The European Space Agency said on Thursday it had lost contact with Envisat, the biggest Earth-monitoring satellite in history.

Designed to operate for only five years, Envisat was launched in March 2002, carrying 10 instruments to monitor the planet's oceans, ice, land and atmosphere.

The giant 8.2-tonne, 10.5-metre (34.1-foot) craft carried on working for a decade, racking up a total of 2.25 billion kilometres (1.4 billion miles), or more than 50,000 orbits, ESA said.

The satellite failed to make a radio call on April 8 as it passed over a ground station at Kiruna in Sweden, the agency said.

It has assembled a "recov-

ery team" of engineers, flight dynamics scientists and mission operators in the hope of restoring contact with Envisat, which remains in a stable orbit.

Envisat's data has been used in 4,000 science projects in 70 countries, including landmark research into climate change.

Its study of ocean currents was used last year to simulate dispersal of nuclear pollution from the Fukushima accident, and it gained real-time images of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

It has also been an important tool in tackling illegal fishing.

ESA had hoped to keep Envisat going until its seven replacements, the so-called Sentinel satellites, start being launched in 2013.

Instagram fans moan over slap in the Facebook



(AFP) - Facebook's \$1 billion gobbling up of Instagram has sent disgruntled fans of the quirky photo-sharing app to the delete button.

Twitter and other online platforms buzzed Wednesday with depictions of Facebook as a corporate monster trampling over a defenseless community of creative, free-spirited types.

"Guess it's time to delete my instagram app before Facebook ruins it," Twitter user Charlie Robinson griped.

According to analysts at Crimson Hexagon, which

studies social media content, just 12 percent of 201,000 relevant Twitter mentions of the takeover were positive. Ten percent registered "disgust" with Facebook and another 10 percent promised to quit Instagram.

Why the outcry?

Facebook is wildly popular and has the same basic mission as Instagram -- encouraging people to build virtual networks on which to share their lives.

But for Instagram's 30 million users, the cult-status app

has a very different identity to the mass market Facebook.

Unlike Facebook, there is no advertising, and certainly no selling of users' personal details to advertisers. It's single-minded, pure.

Sure, the main point is to share snaps, which can be made to look cool with filters, but Instagram's mobile-to-mobile traffic is seen as safe from the privacy problems said to plague Facebook's advertiser-friendly pages.

"The sale of Instagram brings a harsh reality into focus, the realization that the secret rooms or private spaces online where we can share, chit-chat and hang out with our friends are fading. The few safe havens that do exist are quickly being encroached upon or are next on the shopping list for a company like Google, Apple or Facebook."

New York magazine compared Facebook to an alien spaceship and said that for "some users, this looks like a sellout. And that's because it is."

Good morning Tehran! Israel beams a message to Iran



(AFP) - From a tiny studio in a rundown district of southern Tel Aviv, a group of Iranian-Israelis beam non-stop music and news in a bid to reach out to their former fellow countrymen.

As the war of words between the leaders of the Jewish state and the Islamic Republic heats up over Iran's contested nuclear programme, Farsi-language web broadcaster, Radio RadisIN, is trying to set a different agenda.

Based in a small shopping centre in Tel Aviv's outskirts, RadisIN was set up three years ago to encourage a sense of unity among the estimated 300,000 Israelis of Iranian descent.

But it also has another, perhaps more important raison d'être: to send news and views from Israel directly to Iranians living in the Islamic Republic and around the world.

"Our goal is for Iranians to really know what is happening

here in Israel, and also at home," broadcaster Kami Itzhakyan told AFP. "The Tehran regime hides the truth from them."

Born in Iran, Itzhakyan immigrated to Israel 25 years ago and today is one of the station's 35 presenters and journalists, who provide a 24-hour diet of popular and classical Iranian music, cultural programmes, and political news and analysis.

"In Iran, all of the news which is broadcast is a lie. There is no truth in it," he says. "I want our listeners in Iran to know the real truth."

RadisIN, a contraction of "radio" and "Iran," broadcasts on the Internet mainly because the Iranian regime is not able to interfere with the US-owned Intelsat Galaxy 15 satellite through which its programmes are transmitted.

The programmes are also rebroadcast by several free cable and satellite stations, the station says.

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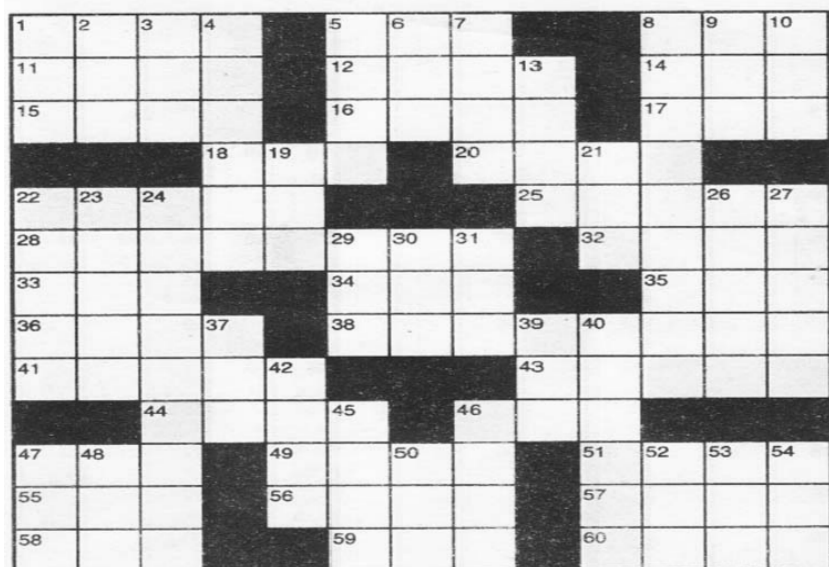
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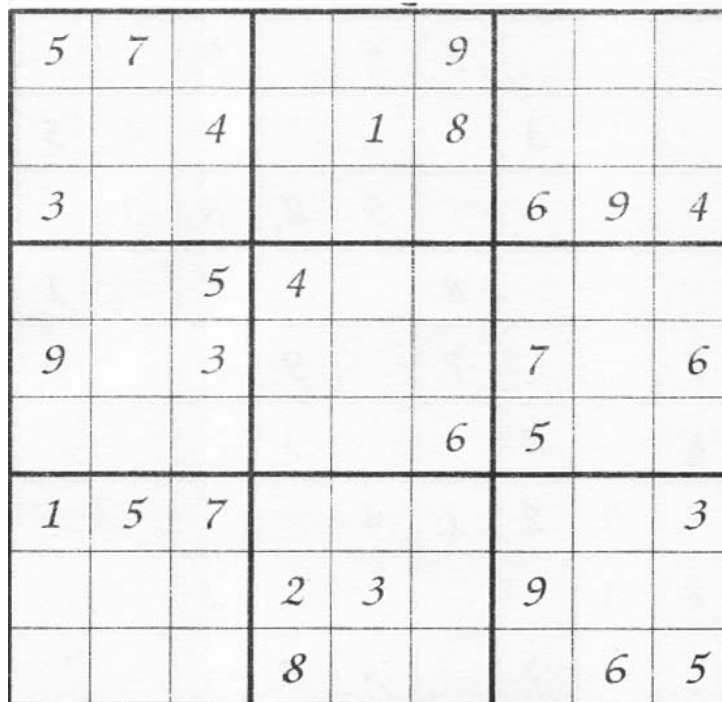
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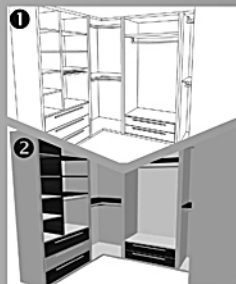
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Finance

Canada's PM calls for LatAm trade liberalization

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canada's prime minister yesterday called for more free trade in Latin America ahead of a meeting with regional leaders at a summit in Colombia this weekend.

"Given the fragile state of the global economy, it is imperative that real progress be achieved on trade and investment liberalization in the Americas and beyond," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement.

The sixth Summit of the Americas, which brings together leaders of the 34 members of the Organization of American States (OAS), is being held in Colombia's Caribbean resort city of Cartagena.

The April 14-15 meeting is to focus on regional integration as well as the fight against poverty. But a 50-year-old US trade embargo on Cuba and the devastating effects of cocaine trafficking will also be high on the agenda.

On Cuba's exclusion from the summit, Harper's spokesman Andrew MacDougall told a briefing: "This is a meeting of democracies."

Cuba, which was expelled from the OAS in 1962 at the height of the Cold War, has never taken part in a summit of the Americas. The expulsion was rescinded in 2009, but Cuba has refused to return.

To rejoin the group, Cuba's one-party communist regime would have to accept the OAS charter, which states that "representative democracy is indispensable for the stability, peace, and development of the region," and that one of the OAS's purposes "is to promote and consolidate representative democracy."

At the summit some Central American leaders, reeling from 20,000 murders linked to cocaine cartels in their region last year, plan to push for drug decriminalization. Ottawa, however, opposes decriminalization.

After the summit, Harper will stop in Chile, where he is expected to announce the renewal of his "Americas Strategy" launched in 2007 to boost trade and investment ties.



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WTO: World trade growth to slow to 3.7% this year

GENEVA (AFP) - Global trade growth, already weaker than predicted in 2011, will further slow this year as the EU fights recession and even China's dynamic growth loses pace, the World Trade Organization said yesterday.

Economic shocks like the eurozone debt crisis are behind an expected slowdown in growth to 3.7 percent, from 5.0 percent in 2011, the trade body said.

"Multiple setbacks" last year dampened trade growth more than forecast, according to economists who predicted growth of 5.8 percent for 2011 in September.

In addition to the eurozone crisis, the WTO cited the effects of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami and severe flooding in Thailand.

A year ago, the Geneva-based body had predicted 6.5 percent growth for 2011 after a rebound of 13.8 percent in 2010 following the financial crisis.

The WTO expects trade to recover somewhat by 2013 and result in additional growth of 5.6 percent.

"More than three years have passed since the trade collapse of 2008-09, but the world economy and trade remain fragile," WTO chief Pascal Lamy warned.

"The further slowing of trade expected in 2012 shows that the downside risks remain high. We are not yet out of the woods," he said.

The latest WTO forecast assumes growth in global production this year of 2.1 percent (down from 2.4 percent in 2011) but there are some risk factors, such as a steeper than expected downturn in Europe and rapidly rising oil prices, that could impact on trade even further, it said.

"Recent production data suggests that the European Union may already be in recession, and even China's dy-

namic economy appears to be growing more slowly in 2012," said the WTO.

In 2011 developed countries actually exceeded export expectations with growth of 4.7 percent, driven by a 7.2 percent rise in exports from the United States.

But the 5.4 percent growth rate recorded among developing countries was lower than anticipated as they were hit by an interruption in oil supplies during the Libyan conflict and the Japanese earthquake disrupted supply chains.

"The flooding in Thailand threw even more sand in the gears of global supply chains," Lamy told a news conference at the WTO headquarters.

"But many of the shocks that hit developing countries last year were one-off events. Growth in these countries should normally bounce back."

Asia was the region that recorded the strongest growth in exports (6.6 percent), thanks to a leap of 16.1 percent in India and 9.3 percent in China, though this was considerably down on the 2010 Beijing figure of 28.4 percent.

In 2011 the dollar value of world merchandise trade increased 19 percent to \$18.2 trillion, surpassing a 2008 peak of \$16.1 trillion but owing mainly to higher commodity prices.

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Friday the 13th

The fear of Friday the 13th is called friggatriskaidekaphobia - "Frigg" is the Norse goddess whom Friday is named after and "triskaidekaphobia" means the fear of "13". It's also known as paraskevidekatriaphobia, partly from the Greek word Friday. It is a real fear - some people who have this disorder are even too afraid to say the words "Friday the 13th". Others avoid flying on a plane, going to work, or even getting out of bed. According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, North Carolina, millions of Americans are afraid of Friday the 13th. Symptoms of this fear range from mild anxiety and a nagging sense of doom to full-blown panic attacks.

Friday the 13th occurs 3 times in 2012:

January 13
April 13
July 13

The fear of Friday the 13th stems from two separate fears -- the fear of the number 13 and the fear of Fridays. Both fears have deep roots in Western culture, most notably in Christian theology.

Thirteen is significant to Christians because it is the



number of people who were present at the Last Supper (Jesus and his 12 apostles). Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th member of the party to arrive.

Christians have traditionally been wary of Fridays because Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Additionally, some theologians hold that Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden fruit on a Friday, and that the Great Flood began on a Friday. In the past, many Christians would never begin any new project or trip on a Friday, fearing they would be doomed from the start.

The number 13 could also have been considered pagan because there are 13 months in the pagan lunar calendar. The lunar calendar also corresponds to the human menstrual cycle, connecting the number to femininity.

The Christian perspective on Friday and 13 is the most relevant today, but it's only one part of the Friday the 13th tradition.

Some trace the infamy of the number 13 back to ancient Norse culture. In Norse mythology, the beloved hero Balder was killed at a banquet by the mischievous god Loki, who crashed the party of twelve, bringing the group to 13. This story, as well as the story of the Last Supper, led to one of the most entrenched 13-related beliefs: You should never sit down to a meal in a group of 13.

In Scotland, there is no gate 13 in any airport, instead there is a gate 12B.

Inside of a Lufthansa plane with row numbers going straight from 12 to 14.

Some airplanes skip a row 13, going straight from 12 to 14.

Some tall buildings have resorted to skipping the "thirteenth floor", either by numbering it "14" or as "12a".

Some streets do not contain a house number 13.

In some forms of motor sport, for example Formula One, there is no number 13 car.

In many cultures, getting married on any day of the week that falls under number 13 is highly discouraged. There is a superstition that should thirteen sit at a table to dine, one will die in the next year. This prompted the formation of The Thirteen Club to debunk it.

The Apollo 13 spacecraft malfunctioned after being launched on April 11th at 13:13 CST, forcing it to return to Earth without a landing on the moon and imperiling its crew.

Ultimately, the complex folklore of Friday the 13th doesn't have much to do with people's fears today. The fear has much more to do with personal experience. People learn at a young age that Friday the 13th is supposed to be unlucky, for whatever reason, and then they look for evidence that the legend is true. The evidence isn't hard to come by, of course. If you get in a car wreck on one Friday the 13th, lose your wallet, or even spill your coffee, that day will probably stay with you. But if you think about it, bad things, big and small, happen all the time. If you're looking for bad luck on Friday the 13th, you'll probably find it.

Axl Rose snubs rockers' Hall of Fame honor

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Guns N' Roses star Axl Rose says he will not attend a weekend ceremony to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame -- even if the music pantheon insists it will admit him anyway.

In an open letter published Wednesday, Rose said he doesn't want to be admitted to the prestigious club, either in person or in absentia, along with former bandmates and other acts at the Hall of Fame's annual ceremony Saturday.

In the lengthy missive to the Los Angeles Times music blog, he cited the various line-ups of the hard rock band over the years, saying he did not oppose other ex-members turning up to the Hall of Fame show in Cleveland, Ohio.

Guns N' Roses reigned over the hard rock scene from 1987 to 1993, selling close to 100 million albums with its potent mix of metal and nihilistic punk showcased in epic anthems "Welcome to the Jungle" and "Sweet Child O' Mine."

The band's last album of original material was released in 1994. Rose is the only remaining original member of the group, which was formed in Los Angeles in 1985.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame announced its inductees in February, including Guns N' Roses, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Beastie Boys and Donovan, all of whom are expected to be at Saturday's show.

A spokeswoman for the Hall of Fame said: "We are sorry Axl will not be able to accept his induction in person," but added that "he will still be acknowledged in the induction ceremony -- he just won't be present."

Other former G N' R members -- including guitarist Slash, bassist Duff McKagan



and drummer Matt Sorum -- have joined with ex-Stone Temple Pilots singer Scott Weiland to form the band Velvet Revolver.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too



Gouda Burger 2

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Football: Hooliganism a worry for Euro 2012, says Platini



England's football hooligans

WARSAW (AFP) - The threat of hooliganism remains a key concern ahead of Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine, UEFA chief Michel Platini warned on Thursday.

"I foresee a great Euro. I always see a glass half full, not half empty. I see all the wonderful things linked to football, such as the great atmosphere there's going to be in Poland and Ukraine," Platini told reporters in the Polish capital Warsaw.

"But we all know that the world isn't as nice as I'd like it to be, so of course we need security, people to protect the stadiums, to look out for the hooligans who'll come, and that's why the Polish government has a security system in place," he added.

Poland's interior ministry on Thursday said that over 9,000 officers would be deployed specifically to ensure security, and not just in the four host cities.

Besides Warsaw, matches will also take place in the Baltic port of Gdansk, Poznan in the west and Wroclaw in the southwest.

Large numbers of fans are also expected to show up in the southern city of Krakow, where England, Holland and Italy will set up their training camps.

Polish police also plan to work with foreign law enforcement authorities' liaison officers who know who their

own countries' troublemakers are.

To help keep the peace in the stadiums, meanwhile, Poland's PZPN football association has trained over 7,600 stewards.

Platini, who arrived in Poland earlier Thursday after a visit to Ukraine, underlined that UEFA and the host nations' authorities alike bear the responsibility for ensuring fans can watch matches safely.

Long accused of failing to do enough to tackle a hardcore estimated by police at up to

5,000 in this nation of 38 million, Polish authorities were stung into action after last May's violence-marred Cup Final.

Beyond hooliganism, other concerns remain.

In Ukraine, Platini lashed out at "bandits and crooks" amid a furore over sky-high accommodation costs fans face there.

Asked about the situation in Poland, Platini said: "I complained in Ukraine. In Poland it's about right."

Euro 2012 marks the quadrennial tournament's first edition behind the former Iron Curtain, with Poland and Ukraine dogged by doubters since pipping favorites Italy in the hosting race in April 2007.

They have faced vast infrastructure challenges, but with less than two months before the 16-nation championships kick off, Platini was sanguine.

PZPN chief Grzegorz Lato - like Frenchman Platini a former international footballer - echoed that.

"Everything is under control," he said.

Khan too one-dimensional, says Peterson

LONDON2 (AFP) - British boxer Amir Khan is too one-dimensional to change his gameplan for the May rematch against Lamont Peterson in Las Vegas, the American fighter said Thursday.

The 25-year-old Englishman will face Peterson on May 19 in Las Vegas for the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association light-welterweight titles after losing them in controversial manner to the American last December in Washington.

Once a homeless youth on the streets of Washington, Peterson completed a fairytale with a split decision triumph over Khan marred by referee Joe Cooper taking a point from

Khan in both the seventh and 12th rounds for pushing.

Peterson, 28, won 113-112 on two judges' scorecards while the other had Khan a 115-110 winner. Without the deductions, Khan would have kept the titles.

But Peterson told the BBC: "He'll do what he always does, he always fights the same.

"He's either straight forward or straight back. That's the way he fights, he's not going to change it."

Peterson added: "He's still out there saying he's the champ, but he's not. He's all over the place. Really, I don't know what to make of him."

Veteran official Joe Cortez, who has a reputation for preventing inside fighting, is widely expected to take charge of the rematch, BBC reported, something that might affect Peterson's punching ability at close-quarters.

"His strategy (in the first fight) was to hit and move and I didn't allow him to do it. It won't be any different this time. He'll hit and move and I'll stay close and smother him," the 28-year-old Peterson said.



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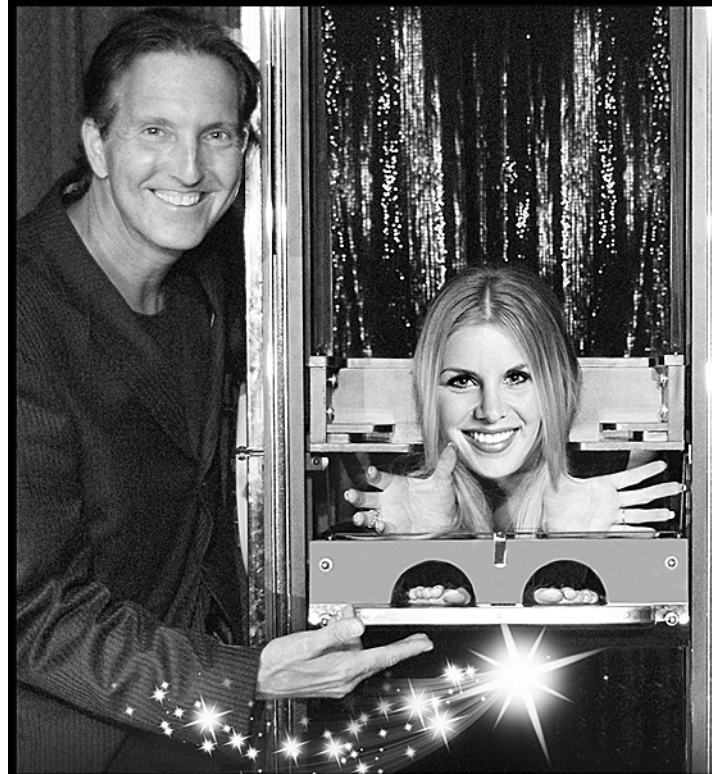
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NBA: Lakers beat Spurs in first of three while Knicks hold off Bucks to boost playoff hopes

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - The Los Angeles Lakers did not need superstar Kobe Bryant to beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-84 on Wednesday in the first of three games between the Western Conference rivals in 10 days.

Metta World Peace -- the player formerly known as Ron Artest -- scored 25 points and Andrew Bynum added 16 points and an astonishing 30 rebounds as Bryant, the league's leading scorer, missed his third straight game with a sore left shin.

Pau Gasol added 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who had six players score in double figures and notched their

sixth win in eight games.

The Lakers stayed 1 1/2 games in front of cross-town rivals the Clippers at the top of the Pacific Division.

The Clippers edged Western Conference leaders Oklahoma City 100-98 on Wednesday.

The Spurs, assured of a play-off berth, remain a game behind Oklahoma City in the West as they suffered a second straight defeat in the wake of their 11-game winning streak.

Danny Green led the Spurs with 22 points. Tim Duncan added 14 points and two rebounds, but Tony Parker was limited to just four points, making a disappointing 2-of-12 from the floor.

The Lakers are now 4 1/2 games behind the Spurs for second place in the West. The two teams are scheduled to meet again in Los Angeles on April 17 and in San Antonio on April 20.

Meanwhile The New York Knicks held off the Milwaukee Bucks 111-107 on Wednesday,



Loul Deng #9 of the Chicago Bulls rebounds between Iman Shumpert #21 and J.R. Smith #8 of the New York Knicks

boosting their NBA post-season hopes with a victory over their closest pursuers in the playoff race.

Carmelo Anthony led the Knicks with 32 points. Tyson Chandler added 19 and J.R. Smith delivered the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:04 to play.

The Knicks improved to 30-28, and moved two games ahead of Milwaukee for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with eight games remaining.

The Knicks are one game behind seventh-placed Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference

and four games behind Boston in the Atlantic Division.

Both the 76ers and the Celtics won on Wednesday -- Philadelphia beating Toronto 93-75 and the Celtics edging Atlanta 88-86 in over-time.

The Knicks have a difficult remaining schedule that includes home games against Miami, Boston and the Los Angeles Clippers as well as a road game in Atlanta.

Philadelphia have just three games left against teams with winning records, but the 76ers end the season on a five-game road trip.

Chandler said the Knicks wouldn't worry about what the 76ers, Celtics or Bucks are doing as the lockout-shortened regular season hurtles to a close.

Monta Ellis had 35 points and 10 assists for Milwaukee. Brandon Jennings added 22 points and Mike Dunleavy chipped in 19, but the Bucks couldn't hold on to an eight-point fourth-quarter advantage.

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Wozniacki makes it perfect twelve in Copenhagen



(AFP) - Top seed Caroline Wozniacki won her 12th match in 12 career outings at the Copenhagen Open on Thursday as she moved closer to a third title with a 6-2, 6-1 second round rout of France's Pauline Parmentier.

The home star's win was in contrast to her opening round struggle past Poland's Urszula Radwanska.

Wozniacki is now 12-0 at this event and has won 17 straight sets, the second set of her 2010 semi-final triumph over Anna Chakvetadze being the last one she lost.

Second seed Angelique Kerber of Germany had a much tougher path to the quarters, beating Britain's Anna Keothavong, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, and will face compatriot Mona Barthel in the last eight.

Third-seeded Jelena Jankovic defeated Russia's Yulia Putintseva 6-3, 6-1 while her fellow Serb Bojana Jovanovski pulled off the day's lone upset, defeating fourth-seeded Romanian Monica Niculescu, 6-7 (6/7), 6-4, 6-1.

Jankovic will square off with Kaia Kanepi in today's quarter-finals, while Jovanovski will take on Petra Martic.

Formula One driver Hamilton hit by grid penalty

(AFP)- Lewis Hamilton's hopes of winning a first grand prix of the season took a big hit on Thursday when he was slapped with a five-place grid penalty for a change of gearbox.

It means that the McLaren driver, who has cut a frustrated figure after finishing third in the first two races of the season despite starting on pole, will begin Sunday's race no higher than sixth.

"Gearbox issue," was all the 2008 world champion

would say initially. Prompted for more information, he smiled.

But asked by journalists once again for more details, Hamilton, who won in Shanghai last year, said: "They (the team) only found out (the transmission problem) in the last 48 hours."

"There's an issue somewhere and I don't know all the details. But that's racing. It doesn't alter my approach."

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